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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AMBASSADOR HILL

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HILL BY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR AND MRS. JOAO B. PINHEIRO, THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR REFERRED TO VISIT HERE BY BRAZILIAN SUPERIOR WAR COLLEGE, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE IMPORTANCE WHICH ARGENTINA HAD ATTACHED TO SHOWING THEM THE ATUCHA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR, THE ARGENTINES TOLD THE VISITORS THAT ARGENTINA HAD NO SECRETS IN ATOMIC ENERGY FROM ITS NEIGHBORING STATE. IT WANTED THE BRAZILIANS TO SEE EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THE REACTOR (ATUCHA) AND THE POOL WHERE PLUTONIUM (SPENT FUEL ELEMENTS) WERE STORED. CONVERSATIONS WERE, IN BRAZILIAN VIEW, USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

3. THE ARGENTINES HAD STRESSED THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING A BOMB. THEY OFFERED TO COOPERATE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR IN ATOMIC ENERGY. THE ARGENTINES HAD MENTIONED SOME NEW GERMAN PROCESS WITH WHICH THEY WERE WORKING. THE BRAZILIANS APPARENTLY INFORMED THEIR HOSTS
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THAT ANY PROCESS WAS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR BRAZIL UNDER

CURRENT CONDITIONS.

4. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR INDICATED HE WOULD BE PLEASED
DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR EMBASSY, AND WE
PLAN FOLLOW THIS UP WITH CALL ON HIM BY DCM AND
SCICOUNS/AEC SCIREP.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE SOONEST ANY DEPT. REACTION TO
ABOVE AND/OR ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR FOLLOW-UP
CALL.
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